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**From:** Rick Barron

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**To:** DDP.Comments

**Subject:** Changes to Eliminate the Disclosure Document Program

Dear Under Secretary Dudas,

I voice opposition to the call for elimination of the Disclosure Document Program (DDP).

DDP should never be eliminated for as long as United States remains a first-to-invent country. USPTO reasons for elimination are not well founded because actual benefit from DDP is subjective to measure and the benefits of filing a provisional cannot be compared as an alternative to the DDP, because the benefit of constructive reduction to practice is the same regardless of which type of patent application is filed.

Eliminating the DDP places a greater burden upon an inventor to establish evidence of conception of an invention and may force the inventor to have to rely on disclosing the concept of the invention to a third party for corroboration. Inventor should have the right to use Government as witness through the DDP without relying upon a third party for corroboration.

Regards,

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